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BEN D. CROSE. - - Sporting Editor

It was hoped that the cold weather would freeze the kickers against the foul strike rule, but it seems they can't be chilled.

She joined the girls' gymnasium class to try and cultivate it! Hickey's chances for re-election at the American Association meeting in Chicago

on favorites in Cumberland. The Vice President of the United States gets \$2,000 a year less than the president of the American League. But the Vice Presi-

President Ban Johnson has made his usual cry against rowdy ball. Johnson's campaigns against rowdyism are started about this time of year and when the playing season arrives he is too busy with other matters to remember his war cry.

refusing a \$5,000 cash present.

"Kid" Blackburn, the Indianapolis colored lightweight, has added another victory to his string by defeating Sam Langford, the Boston fighter who recently got a decision over Joe Gans. Blackburn was always considered a clever boxer and it seems as it he has developed a good punch since he left

bookmakers handle only \$2,000 a day! The bookies are complaining, and do not seem to realize that the public is doing the best | tention of the magnates at to-morrow's it can to help them along. What the book- | meeting. It will not take very long to disies nandle during the races is just about \$2,000 more than the public handles after the day's racing.

A few Eastern sporting writers believe that Sharkey has no intention of entering the ring with Munroe. They say the sailor little cheap advertising for himself. Sharkey has never been a great fighter since he was defeated by Jeffries, but it is believed he is sincere in his desire to meet Munroe.

San Francisco fight critics believe that Jack Munroe will defeat Tom Sharkey and Jeffries and Munroe as the principals will be fought on the coast inside of twelve have been so costly to club owners. months. It is also noted that San Francisco Sharkey and Munroe. Sharkey is not pop- able that the association may take action ular in the far West.

National League club, says: "If the American League is looking for a chance to get out from under the national agreement it can by means of the foul-strike rule just as well as for any other reason." Hart's opinion is shared by many other baseball men and the coming meeting of the joint

Though several St. Louis newspapers are plugging for Pat Donovan's retention as FINANCIAL QUESTION leader of the Cardinals, it looks as if he must go. A novel excuse for Donovan's failure has been found by one man. He says that Donovan's \$9,500 salary hurt him. It made the entire profession jealous of the cause of the great expense attached to such Yet there are many men in baseball who would stand for the "knocks" in order to draw that much salary.

playing rules. If these committees are therefore, be made a violation of the agree- park or endow it. It is the idea to form a say: 'He only has one chance in three of

and twenty-round bouts in Boston and six- is a good idea, but \$15,000 is a big bunch of instead of being heartbroken if he fails round contests in Philadelphia and Chicago, mortgaged to obtain money to build the expected, and go home to supper. the New York legislators should see to it | track and stands, but still that is not a that boxing is revived in the metropolis at very good plan. It seems as if the financial the crowds-but the crowds have differleast. Senator Frawley says he has good way. support for the boxing bill he is to introduce in the New York Legislature, and be- secure control of all amateur athletics, so lieves it will pass. With bouts limited to six rounds, or perhaps ten rounds, under the athletes are under the control and jurisstrictest rules, there would be a rev. val of diction of the A. A. U. But so are athletes interest in boxing in New York that would of high schools and colleges who participate pervade all classes of men. Senator Fraw- in contests of local, State or national na- Spike Sullivan Got His Sobriquet ley declares that if his bill becomes a law ture. The Y. M. C. A. might be able to the sport will be governed by men of rec- control the high school lads, and it would ognized ability and integrity, and that all be a good thing if college athletes could be objectionable persons identified with the under the same control, but it is believed game will be barred.

Lou Dillon's sulky record will bring about their athletic affairs. a decision on the wind shield question, something that has been anxiously awaited by horsemen. The advocates of the socalled shield used by Lou Dillon in her American League contingent, why is it that the game. The most popular of pugilistic another hot one down the field and take trials against the watch claim it did not umpires are a unit for the retention of the pseudonyms is "Kid." When there is no twist- Yes, I will take another Charlotte keeping dirt from the runner's heels from hitting her. It is a fact that the vehicle the same sulky used by Maud S. and break | in the game, and should be kept.

the latter's record to smithereens.

The man who knows the fighting game well enough to referee an important bout is open to criticism at all times, even though Protests Against Fast Records to hi it might be very unjust. Eddie Graney, and for that reason makes a target out of paid him for officiating, as he owns several 2:08%, in lodging a protest with the Ameri- thing pertaining to him secret. This caused brunt of some fighter's animosity, and will bility bring about an early decision of the forever renounce the thankless job. When | wind shield question. The claim is made he does the fairest and best of California by the Messrs. Bonner that the record of him from other Jack O'Briens of a pugilreferees steps down and out. Refereeing Lou Dillon should not stand for the reasons istic turn. at best is a poor chance. Not one out of every ten who attends a fight knows the time shouting advice of some kind at the they make themselves appear to one who | maker. knows at least a little about judging a con-

tests held in Indianapolls. When clever little fellows were boxing under straight rules and hit in clinches there would be men in the crowd who would yell "foul."

SPORTING SECTION.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION WILL OUST HICKEY

Thomas Jefferson Hickey, who has been president of the American Association ceive an object lesson to-morrow at the association meeting in Chicago on what it means to burn bridges behind him. Hickey thought he sprung a big sensation and caused much weeping last October when he announced that he would resign as president of the organization. He even hinted that no inducements could be of- there is sufficient dissension of opinion as to fered that would persuade him to alter his | necessitate arbitration CINCINNATI-J. R. Hawley & Co., Arcade, determination to give up baseball and accept the flattering offer to become business E. R. THOMAS'S STABLE partner with Mr. Lennon in St. Paul. He seemed to be perfectly ignorant of the joy he had created in the hearts of a majority of the club owners in the association by his avowed determination to enter a private life and by announcing his resignation at the meeting in Chicago. A majority of the magnates have stood for Hickey's mistakes as long as they want to and they hailed with joy the chance to make a change without making it embarrassing for T. J. H. But he will not escape without being placed in an embarrassing position. Foolishly he has permitted Lennon and Havenor to cause him to believe that the association A State exchange remarks: "Maria had a little calf-and how that girl did hate it! given to the board of directors and that there is no need of an election, his contract | part of the campaign. with the association being still in effect. to-morrow are as small as the odds posted to "cases" and he makes a fight for the ofdent does not have to suffer the ordeal of succeed him. According to a majority of the magnates Hickey has violated his contract with the association and they are determined to put a new man in the office. He has given little or no attention to baseball affairs since the close of the season and has not taken enough interest in the association to send out the players' official that can be obtained. averages for the past season. He broke

Hickey has made many mistakes and the magnates have grown tired of placing confidence in him. There are many instances of his poor business judgment that the baseball enthusiasts know about, while his mistakes, known only to the magnates, are said to be numerous. His schedules have been a source of disappointment to the club owners and have been costly to all clubs. The association has an opportunity What a pity it is that the New Orleans | to rid itself of Hickey and it should take

advantage of it. The election of a president is only one of the many things that will occupy the atpose of routine business, but there are other matters that will receive consideration. There has been some talk of a change in the American Association circuit for next year to include Omaha instead of Milwaukee, but it is hardly probable that such a move will be made unless the Milwaukee club desires to withdraw. Mllwaukee could not be ousted and there is no intention of trying to force the withdrawal of Havenor's club, but should he show a desire to get out the circuit would not be weakened by selecting Omaha; at least several club owners would like to see Omaha in Milwaukee's place. It is claimed that with American Association ball in Omaha the attendance would equal a majority of the cities already in the association and would be much larger than in Milwaukee. Omaha would also break the Western jumps that The Western League affairs also will be sports would not tolerate a match between | discussed by the magnates and it is probwhereby an equitable arrangement will be made with the Western to vacate Kansas

James A. Hart, president of the Chicago | City, thus leaving the association without The report of the past season will show that the American Association is in a good financial condition. There is a neat sum in the association's treasury and a majority of the clubs have quite a sum coming to them from the emergency fund. The as-sociation indemnified Milwaukee against loss because of the war with the Western

committees of the two leagues will be an League in that city, but Havenor has interesting one. ers, which will more than offset his losses.

STANDS IN THE WAY ing an athletic park are not very great, bemanager and he was "knocked" on all sides. . an undertaking, it is to be hoped that the Y. M. C. A. athletic department will realize In answer to Pulliam's claim that the a suitable location could be secured where foul-strike rule is part of the peace com- big field day track meets, amateur ball "There is nothing in the new national ball games could be played, it is believed play under the same rules. It merely pro- rent expenses, and that the park would pay the next day with confidence fully restored vides for a joint meeting of rules commit- for itself in a few years. But where is the tees to prepare and promulgate uniform \$15,000 or so that is needed to carry out the unable to agree on uniform rules, that is a plan to come from? Those interested in are full of cold-blooded, cynical calculators, problem to be solved afterward. The na- | the scheme would not scorn a proposition | broker counting up interest. Even if Wagtional agreement provides for no such from public-spirited citizens to build the ner comes up in the crisis the fans will Sporting men say that if they allow fifteen | schools as the principal stockholders. That | see somebody trap the batter's effort and

It is the intention of the Y. M. C. A. to as to decide the eligibility of all contest- ALL GOOD FIGHTERS ants and settle all disputes. Y. M. C. A. this would be hard to do in view of the fact that college men know the rules of the It is believed that the protest against A. A. U., and they might not take kindly to another organization trying to contro

help the mare any so far as breaking the rule? There are all kinds of arguments in other excuse for a nickname this is always Rusie, thank you." force of the wind is concerned, as it was favor of the scheme, and none of those ad- used. The fact that the majority of the made of iron and perforated to such an ex- vanced by the opponents is at all strong. pugs given the nickname "Kid" has anytent that it would not have been of any Every minor league owner or manager thing but kiddish attributes makes no difassistance to her except in the matter of should be for it, as it helps them run their ference whatever. The majority of "Kids" she drew weighed ten pounds more than pitchers and makes a good slab artist of a husky sort, prominent among whom are that pulled by Maud S. That Lou Dillon man who would only be an ordinary twirler Kid Lavigne, Kid Carter and Kid McCoy. can pull a high-wheel sulky, with or with- | under the old rule. It does away with most out ball bearings, much faster than ever of the wrangling with the umpire, and Maud S. did is not doubted, and if the makes the games clean. There is very little fession who have been given more original present record of 2:05 is successfully ques- to the argument that the rule hurts the tioned she will no doubt be sent out again | batting averages. A batter makes his batnext season to do the trick under condi- ting averages off the hits that he makes, tions about which no criticism can be made. and not off the fouls that are made. The Trainer Sanders says Lou Dillon can take | foul strike rule was a decided improvement |

OUESTION OF SHIELDS.

May Settle Dispute.

The action of the sons of the late Robert Bonner, who was the owner of Maud S. effort to keep his movements and everycan Trotting Register Association against him to be known as the "mysterious one," to a high-wheeled sulky will in all proba- ing him "Mysterious Billy

prepared to say whether or not the sulky had ball bearings. It was one which had been ordered for The Monk, before Lou Dillon was purchased by him, and with the understanding that it should be of the style used when Maud S. made her record. He says that he is satisfied that, ball bearings or no ball bearings, Lou Dillon can pull the identical Maud S. sulky a mile better than 2:08%, and that if the Messrs. Bonner will grant him the use of the vehicle next year he will demonstrate it. It is contended that the arrangement attached to the sulky of the pacemaker in this particular nstance was no more than a dirt fender. While the board of review of the National Trotting Association of choice delayed a lecision on the question of registering the so-called "wind shield" records, it seems to be the consensus of the turf world that all save the records of Major Delmar and Prine Alert, made at the Empire City track, should stand. In the latter instance

TO BE BETTER IN 1904

Turfmen Believe Its Future Very Promising and Expect Many Victories.

New York Evening Telegram.

According to report, a fine stable of thoroughbreds will carry the gray, magenta cuffs and cap of E. R. Thomas in the many races which will be decided on the metropolitan circuit in next season's campaign. Mr. Thomas and Alexander Shields formed of the magnates desire him to continue a partnership, and the horses which ran in office notwithstanding the stories that | for this racing firm won many races in 1903. have appeared in the newspapers to the Hermis, which was bought from L. V. Bell contrary. Hickey has claimed that he did for \$60,000, was considered the best in the not resign as no written resignation was stable, and under the care of "Alex." Shields he was successful during the latter | Jack Sullivan Says Few Ring

In the stable for next season will be Her-Hickey is laboring under a wrong impres- mis and Lady Amelia, which are the stars. sion and he will find this out in Chicago | The latter was bought from Woodford Clay, to-day and to-morrow. If it comes down and she wen several races for her new owners. She is said to have grown into a grand filly, and a great deal is expected of fice he will find that five clubs are opposed her in her three-year-old form. Mr. Thomas to him and a new man will be elected to also purchased several other horses which are expected to show up well in the races

Advance Guard, the iron horse, and one of the most popular horses on the turf, because he has raced and won many events on nearly all the tracks in the country, is possession of abnormal strength. again sound, but he will never face the starter. The old horse will be retired to the stud, and will be bred to the best mares

spring that he was taken up and prepared for the races. The good son of Great Tom filled up greatly in his idleness and proved unequal to the severe training that was necessary in the spring, and the result was that he broke down and was never brought to the post during the last sea-Profiting by the experience with Advance

Guard, it is said that Hermis will receive light exercise during the cold weather. Hermis was a late horse last year, but if this plan is carried out it is promised that he will not be so late when the 1904 campaign begins. Heno, the property of W. S. Fanshawe, is another grand horse that has been retired to the stud. Some horsemen are of opinion that he will not make a great

success in the stud. His sire, Henry Young, was a grand race horse and also a good producer, but Quiver, Heno's dam, was a Faustus mare. Although she possessed some wonderful speed, Quiver was not capable of running much over five furlongs without stopping. For this reason the eeders do not take kindly to the Faustus blood, and Heno may, on that account, not be given much chance as would a horse of more aristocratic lineage.

NOT LIKE OLD-TIME BASEBALL ROOTERS

Veteran Player Does Not Think that Modern Patrons Enthuse as of Yore.

Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

"Tommy" Quinn, the veteran baseball player, does not believe baseball crowds en-

"Do you know," says "Tommy," "that One thing for sure-the modern fan, even though he may love the game with all his soul, is much less of a sentimentalist than he used to be. Moreover, he has not longer the implicit confidence in favorite play-

"In the bygone days, when Anson, Brouthers, Connor, 'Tip' O'Neil, or Browning came striding to the plate, with the heavy bat in hand, with three on bases and heavy bat in hand, with three on bases and field athletes. But the average fighter has two out in the ninth the crowd would give some part of his body unduly developed or a joyous shout of welcome and then the undeveloped in most cases, which spoils his pion? its dream in this matter. Indianapolis fans would settle back, almost childish in percentage in the scale of perfect proporneeds such a park for athletic events. If | their complete trust and happiness-absolutely certain that the great batsman would put the ball far out in the deep woods, and never dreaming of his failure. games and high school and college foot- If he hit it the stands would go wild. If he didn't there would be a feeling of disagreement which says the leagues must ball games could be played, it is believed appointment like the snapping of 10,000 heartstrings, but the fans would be back and the same implicit belief in the men they

who figure out the chances like a pawnstock company with the Y. M. C. A. and the stock company with the Y. M. C. A. and the athletic departments of the two high ing for him to hit it, they fully expect to have four?" money. Ground could be purchased and they only remark: 'Just what was to be "Oh, yes-the game is popular, and draws question is the only one that stands in the ent hearts, somehow or other, from the people of the long ago."

HAVE NICKNAMES

from a Remark of Eddie

Burke.

receive hard punishment, says an exchange. If the foul strike rule contains so many If a fighter has no sobriquet it can be think he's in the right field. He don't bantamweight, who has been beating a lot teams at a reduced expense. It helps the of the latter day bruisers are of the big and However, there are many among the prohandles to their rear names. Spike Sullivan got his sobriquet from a remark of Eddie Burke to Sullivan when Burke was knocked out in 1895.

"I'm not hurt," said Burke, "but I am still dizzy. That blow felt as though it of America's athletes, for Shrubb has was landed with a spike. Someone who heard the conversation began calling Sullivan "Spike," and it stuck | veteran, W. W. George, established the to him. His first name is properly Wil-

When he came East from the coast to fight Tom Williams, of Australia, at Coney Island, in 1892, his promoters made every and after he fought Williams and whipped "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien's name is correctly Joseph Hagan. The Philadelphia

and it was said at that time that the future middlweight champion was a protege of Syracuse's chief executive, and so after his first big fight one of Young's friends began calling him Tommy Ryan, and the pseudonym stuck to him.

Benny Yanger is often called the Tipton Benny, before he began his career as a professional boxer, was a hanger-on in Harry Gilmore's gymnasium, the boxers' emporium of Chicago. One night a boxing exhibition was to be given, and the management was short a man. Benny volunteered his services and they were accepted. He was of the opinion, however, that his own name did not have a pugilistic ring to it, and asked that a sobriquet be given him. It was then that he was dubbed the "Tipton

Jim Corbett is known as "Pompadour because he used to wear his hair pompadour fashion. Jim Jeffries, the 'Boller Maker," was a boiler maker before he became a knight of the ring. Joe Walcott received his title, "Joe, the Giant Kill-er," because of his victory over Joe Choynski. Bill Hanrahan, the promising young middleweight who died in Chicago a few years ago, was nicknamed "Wild Bill" because of his eccentric way of fighting. Terry McGovern's friends gave him the title of "Terrible Terry" after he had peaten all of his opponents in a decisive fashion. Young Corbett, who is William Rothwell, is said to have got his stage name from his former manager, Johnny Corbett. Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," was born in Omaha. Joe Bernstein has been known as the "Pride of the Ghetto" for many years. Bernstein was born in the lower East Side in New York. Gus Ruhlin is known as the "Akron Giant." Ruhlin is a six-footer and began fighting at Akron, O. Bob Fitzsimmons has been called 'Lanky Bob," "Brick Top" and the "Cornishman." Lately he has been styled the "Grand Old Man of the Prize Ring."

APOLLO-LIKE FIGHTERS ARE VERY SCARCE

Heroes Come Up to the Ideal Measurements.

St. Louis Republic.

"I see that Dr. Sergeant, of Harvard University, believes he has discovered the ideal athlete," said Jack Sullivan yesterday, "and that this young fellow does not fill any of the qualifications laid down by physical culture charts other than the

"This young man, it is said, is built more on the long, rangy order, with none of his muscles developed exceptionally his contract when he accepted an offer in 1902, and it was not until the following strongly. Yet, he possesses the physical points in a physical contest than any man at Harvard, regardless of how little he would score according to an anthropometric chart.

"This fact is being commented on by the Eastern papers. Yet how many of the best fighters in the American ring would conform to the generally accepted ideas of physical perfection? How many would stack up with the Apollo Belvedere or with the average physical measurement chart? I doubt if you could find a first-class' man

"Take Abe Attell and Syracuse Tommy Ryan. Both are exceptionally quick on their feet and depend greatly upon leg work in their battles. As a result, both July. The London Harriers, to which club have abnormally developed and well-muscled legs, which seem far too heavy other athletes. Shrubb's strongest competmuscled legs, which seem far too heavy other athletes. Shrubb's strongest compet-for their bodies. By contrast, their torsos itors in this country will be Alexander seem puny and small.

"Now take Young Corbett, James J. Cor-bett and John L. Sullivan. All are or were mile run, and W. H. Schutt, of Cornell, wonders of the ring, yet all had legs too the intercollegiate two-mile champion. thin in proportion to their build. Young Corbett's legs are not unduly thin, but his shoulders are developed so much that his lower extremities seem all out of propor-

"Jim Corbett's legs always were slender for a man of his size. So were Sullivan's. As for Bob Fitzsimmons, his build would lead one to believe that he was a weakling rather than one of the hardest hitters in the ring. Jeffries can't be used for an example, for he is exceptionally heavy in some parts of his frame and unduly light in others-his legs, for instance. "To find a perfectly proportioned man in the ring would be difficult. I hear that Eddie Hanlon and Frankie Neil come nearer to the generally accepted type of what constitutes a well-built man than any other fries," said Frank Hart, "I believe there beginner can adopt against a player of fighters. Joe Walcott is of a nuggety. lumpy build that gives the impression of power, but that is not what could be called well-proportioned. Joe Gans is of a neat build and would come closer to the statuesque type than most fighters. Little Johnny Regan is nicely built, but is rather too rangy in appearance. Feltz is beautifully proportioned, but is just a trifle too heavy around chest and shoulders.

"Sizing the men of the modern ring up we find that it is hard to pick out one even approaching perfection in a physical way. Of course, the fact that they are always training for the development of their punch works their shoulder muscles and chest development up more than in the case of the average athlete.

"We find many who are perfectly formed and pleasing to the eye among track and

BASEBALL IN THE AIR.

The Tearful Idiot Scents It and Cannot Forget.

The Tearful Idiot turned his bleary eyes toward the boarding house mistress and asked, meekly: "Will you be kind enough to slam three fish balls across the plate?"

"No, thank you. I don't care to take the base. I'm contented here." "Certainly," agreed the mistress. Then she inquired: "By the way, Mr. Idiot, how's your club progressing this weather?" "Oh," said the Idiot abstractedly, "whyer-I think the rules for this season have changed its length. I don't think it'll be so short this season, and the umpires object to its weight."

"He's batty," whispered the Dyspeptic.
"Will you please pass the pitcher?" asked

the Sweet Young Thing.
"Sure," said the Idiot. "Be careful. They have glass arms these days. Practice, you know, practice.' "Did your friend, Vode Vill make a hit with his egg tricks last night?" asked the mistress frantically. "A hit? Oh! Yes, he made a hit. One hit the floor and the audience yelled 'Foul!' A nickname is almost as necessary to a but he kept right on and made a three bagpugilist as the reputed ability to give and ger through the wings. Every time he looked up he saw flies. He caught his foot on a prop and fell on his face. I don't taken for granted that he is very young in score with the audience. If you'll pass

WORLD'S BEST RUNNER.

Champion Shrubb to Compete at the Olympic Games. Philadelphia Record.

Word has just come from London, England, that Alfred Shrubb, holder of the world's two, three and ten-mile running records, has decided to compete in the Olympic games which are scheduled for St. Louis next summer. This news will strike wholesome fear into the hearts of the best proven himself to be the most phenomenal distance runner since the day when the Chicago News.

world record of 4 minutes 12% seconds for Shrubb's most remarkable run was made He has this advantage-that he seems last summer when he ran two miles at London in 9 minutes 11 seconds. The record was not allowed because it was found with a harder life back of him than even upon a remeasurement of the track that it | Jeffcies went through; that is, a life which was just two yards short of the two miles, should bring out the strength and give the The world's professional record for this body physical stamina. As far as brains distance was 9 minutes 111/2 seconds. But go-and brains are of immense advantage ositions. Maybe some time he will decide the acceptance of Lou Dillon's record of 2:05 him so quickly the newspapers began call- allowing for the two yards shortage, com- in the prize ring-Jeffries is thought to be petent judges admitted that Shrubb was the shrewder, quicker artist. Munroe, to still one-fifth of a second inside the record. | the fight followers, seems to be another In this remarkable race Shrubb ran the edition of Tom Sharkey, except, of course, part of the name was prefixed to distinguish | first mile in 4 minutes 26 4-5 seconds, a | the men are not built alike. feat which has never been equaled in a race of this length. A few weeks after | "seems to be able to take a punch and like

In Kansas City it is generally known that | this record-breaking performance Shrubb | all fighters of his class must take a few in every ten who attends a fight knows the that the vehicle used for her trial against Tommy Ryan's name is properly Joseph lowered the world's record for three miles order to get in any on a clever man. As fules, and in consequence they are all the Maud S.'s record was provided with ball Young. There are many stories of how he far as his offensive work goes in the ring bearings and that a sort of wind shield was happened to make the change, but the fol- It is understood that at the Olympic he looks as bad as ever Sharkey did when referee. They don't realize how ridiculous attached to the sulky pulled by a her pace- lowing is the correct one: Tommy for many games Shrubb has his eye on the Marathon | he first began to flay his rivals. People years lived in Syracuse, and it was there race, which is for about twenty-five miles. remember his Fitzsimmons fight and the Mr. Billings, owner of Lou Dillon, in that he began his pugilistic career. At that | Shrubb does not intend to come to America | Choynski battle and what clever men can test. This was noticed at many of the con- answer to this protes says that he is not time a man by the name of Thomas Ryan until after the English championships in do to that style. When a bit excited

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St. Louis Republic. "Although we hear much about the impossibility of finding a man to defeat Jeffind a tough opponent for the champion, and that is among the college athletes of

tention to fighting that they do to foot- of its maneuvers than by any other system. ball, they would cause a revolution in the sport. Suppose Hogan, of Yale, or De Witt, years learning the fine points of boxing. Wouldn't he have been likely to apply his knowledge more scientifically than a big, clumsy fellow like Jeffries, who has a poor education and learns things only by having them punched into him? "Then, how about the revenue of the game? If Hogan or DeWitt were as well known as amateur boxers as they now are as football players, wouldn't they have plenty of change to pick up a big end of a purse for a fight with the cham-Wouldn't the house that would turn out for such a contest be a record-breaker? "It is all right to talk about the game being brutal, and that no gentleman would | (b) 17-13 go into it. A few years ago a gentleman (c) 15-18 would have considered himself degraded (d) 24-20 by becoming a football coach. Yet Yost, of | (e) 9-14 Michigan, a man independently fixed in this (f) 28-24

"The stage was considered disgraceful as an occupation a short time since. But many college men go on the stage nowa-days. Professional baseball was a tough game a decade ago. But we have college men now on all the teams. all over a lot of these men who now hold the center of the pugilistic stage. Would a thick-headed guy like Peter Maher have much chance against an intelligent young

fellow of natural gameness, with fair box-"If some of those leading football players would take up pugilism, they would find it a big source of revenue. They would have to devote several years to the game, of course-about the same time they give to football. But if they spent one-half the time learning boxing that they do on the gridiron and would employ equally competent teachers, I believe that the big Eastern colleges could produce world-beaters."

PROUD BANTAM WEIGHT COMES TO HIS GRIEF

Chicago Journal. "One of the funniest things of the season," says Freddie O'Neill, "came off in Gilmore's not long ago. A stocky, sassy following exercise will enable you to win of people the last two years, was training up there and was looking for somebody to spar with. 'Tell you what,' says Harry, 'do you see that white-haired runt sitting over there? Well, he thinks he can box a little. Get him to box and knock his head off. It will be a great favor to all of us if you will do so.' 'With pleasure,' says the bantam. And they coaxed the white- (b) 12-16 headed boy to spar. The bantam lets go a terrible swing. The little runt shifted, got away from the punch, and let go a one-two. Down went Mr. Bantam in a heap. He got up, swung again, and received about seven lightning joits that left him on the canvas, seeing stars. After they revived him he came over to Harry and whispered: 'What's that fellow's name?' 'Who? Him?' says Harry. 'Oh, yes. His name is Jimmy Barry.

JEFFRIES IS QUICKER THAN JACK MUNROE

the latter came away from Carson City.

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instead of 32-2

(f)-This is forced.

(h)-Necessary, as is obvious.

New York-Massachusetts match:

4-8 24-20 8-11

Black-Schaefer (New York team).

Helpful Games, Old and New. [Continued from last week.]

-Game No. 2-"Old Fourteenth."favor is all with the Black, however. 3-7. The nonbook learner would probably run in to 3-7. He should remember that this move is not safe unless 28-24 is taken whatever ability. It is true that the defense is well known to professional players, nevertheless the comer will find that by practice "If college men would give the same at- he can more easily escape disaster by means The opening was originally given as "Game of Princeton, had expended three or four | No. 14" in the works of Payne and Sturges. knowing the line to be played should White go 22-18 at this point. Here is A. Brooks's play: 18-22, 6-9, 30-26, 9-14, 18-9, 13-17, 9-5, 10-14, 5-1 and 14-18, forming the draw, Some editors affect to despise it to-day because the lines have been so thoroughly analyzed that the average player can nearly | which is the result of a perfect game. always depend on drawing either side. The following game and annotations give the it is printed for the class of amateurs who beginner a pretty fair idea of the main lines. find it difficult to play the abstruse lines Set the men and memorize both game and given in some of the older draughts colnotes. Note (e) is the most commonly folumns. Before long this column will con-

lowed branch. (k) 21-17 (i) 12—16 (j) 18-22 world's goods, keeps teaching the game for | (g) 10-15

(a)-This move completes the formation of the opening. Lee's says: "The opening figures conspicuously in nearly every important match. (b)-25-22, 9-13, 27-23, 6-9, 23-18, 9-14, 18-9, 5-14, 26-23, 1-6, 30-25, 15-18, 22-15, 11-27, 32-23, 13-22, 25-9, 6-13, 29-25, 13-17, "If they take up these branches of work, 21-14, 10-17, 19-16. Drawn. This variation isn't it a silly piece of affectation to keep makes a very dull game, and is only used

> weak for Black. (d)-Anything else would be weak. (e)-11-15, 28-24, 8-11, 26-23, 9-14, 31-26, 6-9, 13-6, 2-9, 26-22, 1-6, 22-17, 18-22, 25-18, -22, 23-18, 14-23, 27-18, 9-13, 17-14, 10-17, 21-14, 6-10, 30-25 draws. (f)-This is preferable to the following: 26-23, 10-15, 19-10, 6-15, 28-24, 15-19, 24-15 5-9, 13-6, 1-26, 31-15, 11-18, 25-22, 18-25, 29-22, 8-11, 22-18, 14-23, 27-18, 12-16, 21-17, 16-19, 18-14, 2-6, 17-13, 7-10, 14-7, 3-10, 32-28. Drawn.

> (g)-11-15 would run into note (e). (h)-26-23 would run into note (f). (i)-Best, if not the only line to draw. (j)-The following draws, but is weak: 14—17, 21—14, 5—9, 14—5, 7—10, 23—7, 16—32, etc. (k)—27—24, 14—18, 23—14, 16—23, 24—19, 23—27, 31-24, 11-16 draws, or 19-15, 11-18, 20-11, 7-16, 29-25, 3-7, 21-17 draws.

> -A "Single Corner" Exercise .-Some day, when you run into the grocery store for a little game with "Deacon Swipes," try the Blacks in the following maneuvers. A thorough knowledge of the many a game from a nonbook player.

> 11-15 (c) 10-14 1-5 (h) 7-10 (1) 30-25 (d) 27-24 10—14 25—21 13—17 15-22 8-12 5 - 14(f) 27-24 24-19 (e) 32-27 29-25 22 - 139-13 (g) 14-17 Drawn. Sturges. (a)-This is the most confining of the

Black replies at this point. J. L. Richmond "This move, when properly followed up, allows White little scope for variety, and may, on that account, be recommended to young players.' (b)-A favorite line with Sturges. Anderson preferred to "form up" somewhat differently by 11-16, arriving at the same posi-

Black wins. News of the Game. A. J. Heffner, of Boston, is playing Black styled "The Guerrilla," and formed, 11-15, 23-19, 9-14, 22-17, 14-18. The characteristic move is 14-18. Should White go 17-13

(d)-Spayth shows a draw by 18-15; the

(e)-This move is obviously taken instead of 28-24 to enable White to decoy Black to

(g)-From this point the end game is quite

(1)-The amateur may be interested in

While the above play is simple and old

The following game was the only win secured by the New York team in the recent

White-Parrows (Massachusetts team),

upon a line that has hitherto seemed weak and irregular. The Christmas number of the Guide Post is one of the finest bits of periodical checker literature ever published. Julius Ewald, G. A. Pierce and C. T. Davis, editors and proprietors of the magazine, are to be congratulated by all checkerists for the actual improvement of conditions in the West. Such issues as the one under consideration help place the game well to the

Black might play 5-9 and adopt a strong

"Fife" line. Heffner points out this

maneuver and eliminates it from the play as

not being in dispute. The main attempt

is simply the establishment of a safe draw

Hugh MacKean, of Salt Lake City, Utah, may have some right to the coveted title of correspondence checker champion of the United States. He has never been defented by correspondence, and further, he was the first player to draw the Black side of "Edinburgh" with the late James Ferguson, on the 24-20 line. The Massachusetts-New York team match on Thanksgiving day resulted, as every

astute enthusiast bet it would, in the

victory of the Boston boys. Nevertheless. the New York boys had Horr, Head and Schaefer in the game. Dr. A. Schaefer was the only man to score for New York. The contest for the challenge medal offered by the Pittsburg Dispatch resulted in a match between the holder, H. O. Newcomb, and the challenger, William Binhardt, of Shaner, Pa. Ten games from nominated openings were specified in the articles. Only nine games were played, the score resulting: Newcomb, 3; Binhardt, 2; drawn, 4. One of the openings named was the "Black Doctor" gambit. It is manifestly unfair in a match of any importance to elect this opening. Indiana players are requested to send in

JAMES HART TALKS OF LONG SCHEDULE

President Hart, of the Chicago Microbes,

a Chicago reporter: "It is but natural that the newspapers have taken the position that the long schedule was adopted in order to avoid any he will be ready for another championship more post-season games with the American | series.

referring to the 154-game schedule, said to

was made strictly for business reasons. "Only the players made any real profit some stories have made it appear."

Munroe swings blindly. At his ease he on the post-season series played last year has a fairly straight, hard punch, though | and in several instances they were absolute failures. Moreover, they brought out his body does not seem to work with it. At | ill-feeling, and in some other ways were swinging he is at his best and like all not exactly satisfactory, irrespective of "It is well known that there must be an

checker news. Let us have private and

team match scores.

adjustment of salaries eventually. I do not believe in cuts, and, in fact, have raised a number of my players for next year. Praclook as feelish as Gus Ruhlin did in his tically the same conditions exist in other "In order to help put the sport on a paying basis and at the same time not cut

salaries it was thought best to have the men play out their contracts. "Even with the long schedule we expect to close our season on Oct. 8, 9 or 10, if the proper conditions should then exist. I would be willing to play another series with the White Stockings. Those conditions do not exist at present, however, "Dreyfuss has also put himself on record to the effect that if Pittsburg again wins

the championship of the National League

"The adoption of the long schedule does 'As a matter of fact, though, this change | not prove that the National League wanted to 'crawl' out of the series in the way that

he is a bit sewed up when he starts it and swingers takes awful chances by leaving | their result Munroe is about where Jeffries was when himself open. If Sharkey has any of his oldtime speed he can start a swing with Munroe and beat him to it. If Sharkey can do this Jeffries would simply make this miner